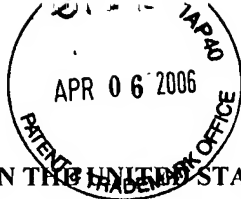


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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Kazunori TANKA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2851
Application No.: 10/523,994 : Group Art Unit: 2874
Filed: February 09, 2005 : Examiner: Hoang Q. Tran
For: BUFFERED OPTICAL FIBER, AND BUFFERED OPTICAL FIBER TERMINATED WITH CONNECTOR

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	13	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2006. Please amend the application as follows: